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Proposed amendments for discussion purposes (not for entry into the application).

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/442,048

1. (Proposed Amendment) A method of using a site home navigation control associated with a user's computer for locating and navigating to a site home of a network site in an information network from a site page within the network site, comprising:

receiving, at the site home navigation control, a request to navigate from a site page to a site home of the network site;

determining a site home for the network site; and

wherein a site home is found for the network site, navigating to the site home in response to the received request.¹

47. (Proposed new claim) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the site home navigation control is part of a network browser operating on the user's computer.

48. (Proposed new claim) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the site home navigation control is part of a search engine accessed by the user's computer to conduct a search resulting in a visit to the network site.

Comments:

Our intent in suggesting the above amendments is to further distinguish a site home navigation control (which is part of our invention) from a "home" navigation aid which is sometimes provided on the visited website itself (as discussed in the Background). In an effort to do this we have proposed language which states that the site home navigation control is associated with the user's computer—as opposed to being associated with the site being visited. For example, a site home navigation control would be provided as part of the browser or search engine according to our invention, and the site home navigation control would be available to the user when visiting other sites. (See, for example, our specification at pages 15 and 5-6). Since the site home navigation control is associated with the user's computer rather than the visited website, the user would not need to rely on a particular site having "home" navigational aids. (See, for example, the background of our specification at page 3).

¹ Proposed amendments are only shown for claim 1. We would make similar amendments to the other independent claims.